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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Sakae MATSUMOTO et al.

Appln. No.: 09/936,564

Group Art Unit: 3682

Filed: September 14, 2001

Examiner: B. Van Pelt

For: COUPLING STRUCTURE OF EXTENSIBLE SHAFTS

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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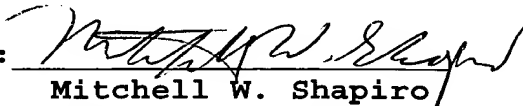
It is respectfully requested that the time now set for response be extended, retroactively, by one month. If any further extension of time is required to avoid the abandonment of this application, such extension is hereby requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-1165.

Respectfully submitted,

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